

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

A reading from the book of Job Jb 38:1. 8-11

Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep. **(R.)**

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their soul melted away in their distress. **(R.)**

Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
all the waves of the sea were hushed. **(R.)**

They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for men. **(R.)**

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2 Cor 5:14-17

All things are made new.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. **Alleluia !**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 4:35-41

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

Next week's readings:

First Reading: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

Second Reading: 2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15

Gospel : Mk 5:21-43





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The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Our Parish Vision Statement:

We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....

CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time B — 20th JUNE, 2021

Today is the twelfth Sunday of the church's ordinary time. In it, the holy mother church reminds and encourages us her children that, Christ is with us even in the midst of all the storms of this life. Therefore, this is a great cause for celebration and thanksgiving because we are so glad that Jesus cares for us.

Both the first reading from Job and the Gospel of Mark today, reminds us that God is the creator of the world. Hence, he has the power to control and regulate all the natural, physical and spiritual forces or activities going on in this world. He has the whole world in his hands and so, directs the course of our lives and the history of this world. He knows when best to intervene both in our personal life and in the history of our entire world. This is evident in his timely response to Job and, intervention in the situation of his disciples. According to our second reading, when God intervenes, he does so out of love for us his children and world. This was what he did when he allowed his only son Jesus Christ to die at the appropriate time in order to save and renew us.

Life is full of storms. At times, they can become so strong and strange that that our human strength can no longer support us. At such moments fear and complains might take over the central stage of our life. Even in some cases, we might lose our faith in God, thinking that he has abandoned us or that he does not exist. These storms come in different forms. They could be: present pandemic, problems in our marriage, our children who are not responding well, lack of good job, poor finance, inability to procreate, or a prolonged sickness that has defiled all treatments. They could also be the inability to find or maintain a good and stable relationship or, falling out with people all the time. They could also be poor results in our academics or business. The list is unending, but these represent the realities we face every day. Brethrens, The truth is that, there is no assurance that our lives would be completely free of storms. However, the good news is that, there is an assurance that Christ is with us to help us succeed.

There are two basic truths that the gospel reveals to us about these problems. The First is that, Christ is with you in that boat and, is aware of the storm you are battling with. So, you cannot be with Him and yet sink. It is not possible! The second is that, no matter how experienced you think you are in navigating your own boat, you cannot overcome your storms alone. Hence, Christ tells us: "Apart from me, you can do nothing." There is no doubt that before inviting Christ, his disciples made much effort to control their own boat. However, when they failed, they cried out: "Lord, do you not care if we perish?" Of course, Christ intervened because he assured us: "Call upon me in times of trouble and I will help you" (Ps 50: 15).

Finally, there are three things we must continue to do. First, rather than live in fear, seat and, complain like Job, or give up completely, let us cry out and invite the Lord to help us. This is because: "Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth" (Ps 121, 1-2). Second, we must continue to show profound faith in God, his Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit. That is, faith that makes us believe that God created us in love sustains us with his providence and, will save us through his mercy. Third, we must continue to be thankful to God in all circumstances of our life. So, with the psalmist let us: "...Give thanks to the Lord, for his love and mercy endures forever."

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Dr. Peter Campion husband of Margret Campion. Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

Anniversaries: Jim Puls, Daniel Templer, Carol Quinn, Terry Garric.

Prayer for the deceased:

Lord open wide the doors of your Mercy to all those who have passed away in the parish of St. Thomas More, Belgrave. In your compassion grant eternal bliss to all of them.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Lil Warner, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Joy Goodie, Tom Fergus, Leo and Josie Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen & Peter Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Helen Hermann, Lyn Blackman, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Jim & Ed Hodapp, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland,

Places of Worship and Religious Gatherings

1. All venue attendees must register via the QR Code system; the register sheets are still available at the church.
2. In Metropolitan Melbourne (indoors or outdoors) Permitted for up to 150 people per venue, including no more than 75 indoors, under a density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies.
3. In Metropolitan Melbourne, face coverings must be worn by the congregation when singing indoors at all times. This will create difficulties for singing, and congregants should be encouraged to either refrain from singing, or to do so softly.
4. Face coverings must be worn by cantors or choirs indoors. They may be removed during the period of singing but must be replaced and worn otherwise.
5. Per person 4 square meter social distance needs to be maintain at all times.

We can have the following numbers of the participants in each mass centre.

Belgrave - 70 people Emerald - 40 people

Gembrook - No masses till 4th July (mass on zoom at 9.am)

Monbulk - 40 people

Please pray before the Recessional Hymn

St Joseph Prayer



Heavenly Father,

St Joseph set aside his own plans
to embrace your dream for us.

You invited his help in caring
for Jesus your Son, our Saviour,
and the Revealer of your wonderful love.

Enable us to live by your loving plan
and to reflect to the world the light of Christ.

St Joseph, man of dreams
and trusting steward, pray for us.

Lord Jesus,

You grew in wisdom and maturity
as you lived in the family
of Nazareth in daily communion
with St Joseph and Mary your mother.

From St Joseph you learned
the dignity of human work.

Give parents the wisdom
to support their children and to guide them
in the way and work of your Kingdom.

St Joseph, faithful parent
and diligent worker, pray for us.

Creator Spirit,

We see in St Joseph a tenderness
and reverence for all your creation.

We learn from him to approach others justly
and tenderly, and to see our world as endowed
with the glory of God.

Teach us to love one another
and to be of humble service to all of creation,
empowered by your life within us.

St Joseph, wise protector and humble servant,
pray for us.

Gathering of Catholic Men 2021 - "Brothers what must we do" - Sponsored by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC)

In 2020 almost 1000 men across Australia, including over 200 in Victoria across every Diocese, registered to participate in this ground breaking "Gathering of Catholic Men" by grouping in host sites and hubs as COVID allowed, or by watching the material privately. In 2021 this event is being staged again on the 31st July in a shorter format. It would be wonderful to increase the reach to Catholic men and to have more men gathering with like-minded men in clusters. The aim of the event has always been to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. It is hoped that the event will reinforce the importance of gathering in the faith environment of the Church, ensuring that the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities.

menALIVE Ministries, a National Catholic Men's Ministry which operates in every Diocese in Australia is offering to facilitate the linking of men who would rather participate in this event in the presence of other men but are not sure how to go about this. Of course in your parish are encouraged to form their own hub which they can nominate at the time they register at the following link:
www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

The following men from menALIVE Victoria are very ready to help facilitate men to gather in person locally in groups or on line

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The Catholic Church needs more men to actively participate in the work of evangelization

"God is glorified when men are fully alive"

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Dear parishioners,

Let us continue our prayerful support to those who are affected by the wild wind that ferociously hit all of us on 9th of this month. Many suburbs are yet to be restored with electricity and other basic needs. Lots of people are working day and night to put things back in order. Let us support them with our prayers too. I assure you of my humble prayers for safety and well-being.

With Fraternally and prayers

Fr Anthony Cruz

The Sacrament of Confirmation has been postponed to 14th August 2021.

St. Thomas More Church Belgrave at 12pm

St. Paul's Church Monbulk at 2pm



Many thanks to all the Parish for supporting Combined Church raffle. We raised \$2385. Special Thanks for *Suzanne Rangan, Anna, Tony Green, Mary Leahy, Tony Whyte*



2021 Winners Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle



Prize No	Prizes	Ticket No	Originating Parish, Location
1	Suzuki Beleno (White)	067629	Holy Trinity, Wantirna South
2	\$5,000 Gift Cards	076169	St Simon's, Rowville
3	\$2,000 Gift Cards	032504	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
4	\$1,000 Gift Cards	049130	St Michael's, Ashburton
5	\$1,000 Gift Cards	051855	St Thomas, Clyde Nth
6	\$1,000 Gift Cards	032099	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
7	\$500 Gift Cards	047457	Resurrection, Keysborough
8	\$500 Gift Cards	034273	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
9	\$500 Gift Cards	030396	St John Evangelist, Epping
10	\$500 Gift Cards	053783	Sts Peter & Paul, Doncaster East
11	\$500 Gift Cards	063650	St Paul, Endeavour Hills
12	\$500 Gift Cards	044181	Resurrection, Keysborough
13	\$500 Gift Cards	044752	Resurrection, Keysborough
14	\$500 Gift Cards	050482	St Michael's, Ashburton
15	\$500 Gift Cards	048859	Resurrection, Keysborough
16	\$500 Gift Cards	067768	Holy Trinity, Wantirna South
17	\$500 Gift Cards	076793	St Simon's, Rowville
18	\$500 Gift Cards	067736	Holy Trinity, Wantirna South
19	\$500 Gift Cards	041340	Nazareth, Beaumaris
20	\$500 Gift Cards	040880	Nazareth, Beaumaris